

## STRATTON MAKES VIGOROUS DENIAL

Declares Statement of Dr. Carrington in Reference to Himself Is Untrue.

### ANNUAL INSPECTION HELD

Knights Templar Entertain Visiting Official—Other Petersburg News.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., October 3. Councilman F. G. Stratton, of this city, a member of the Penitentiary Board, to-day positively denied Dr. Carrington's statement in reference to an alleged conversation between him and Dr. Carrington, and declares it to be untrue. He says that he did not make the statement that he had talked the matter over with Governor Mann, and that Dr. Carrington's intimation that the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company is dominated by the Manns, or that he (Mr. Stratton) was in any way influenced in his vote for Dr. Herbert Mann for penitentiary surgeon, is false. Mr. Stratton promises a fuller statement.

**Annual Inspection.**  
The annual inspection of Appomattox Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar, was held in the Masonic Temple on Third Street to-night. Very eminent Sir Henry Marshall Boykin, of Richmond, was the inspection officer. Mr. Boykin arrived in the city this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was met at the station by officers and members of the commandery and escorted to his headquarters at the Stratford Hotel. He was subsequently driven out to the battlefields, in company with Captain-General Wallace D. Blanks and Recorder John E. Townes.

At 8 o'clock to-night the commandery officers and members, in the full dress of templar on foot, marched to the Stratford Hotel and escorted the inspecting officer to their assembly, where he was received with due honors and the inspection was held. Following the ceremonies of the evening, a banquet was served, and speaking and festivities were enjoyed until a late hour.

**Death of Former Petersburg.**  
Information has been received of the death at the home of his sister, in Sidney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, of Edward C. Davis, formerly and for twenty years a citizen of Petersburg. Mr. Davis was a skilled tailor, and always commanded high wages. Everybody in Petersburg knew him, and he had a host of friends here. Mr. Davis had served in both the United States Army and Navy and was a pensioner.

**State Convention of Daughters.**  
The State convention of the Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, is in session at Roanoke. The following are the delegates from Petersburg: Mrs. R. T. Meade, Mrs. W. A. Hite, Mrs. J. J. Neils, Misses Annie Mann and May Dewberry.

**General News Notes.**  
Big fox hunts are of weekly occurrence in Dinwiddie and Prince George counties, where fine packs of hounds are owned. It is seldom that less than two or three foxes are caught.

At a big public baptizing at Poplar Grove Church, in Dinwiddie, on Sunday, some twenty or twenty-five colored candidates were immersed. The ceremony was witnessed by a large crowd.

Samuel Buran, who lives on the Appomattox River, in Prince George county, while on his way to Rosewood

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Personally appeared before me this 15th day of July, 1911, Mrs. Joseph Constance, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact. WM. MORROW, Notary Public.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

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**Church Sunday afternoon.** was thrown from his buggy by the running away of his horse, and one of his legs was broken. He was brought to the Petersburg Hospital.

Prince George is planning to have a fine exhibit both at the State Fair and the fair in Petersburg.

Mrs. Lucy J. Anthony died yesterday afternoon at her home on Fleet Street. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John E. Belcher, of Ettrick, and by four sons—Lazarus, Joseph and Aaron of Petersburg, and James Anthony, of Chicago.

Much excitement was caused on Gill Street yesterday afternoon by the conduct of several negro men in attempting to "shoot up" the street. The police succeeded in arresting two of the men, Robert Davis and John Johnson, and in the Police Court this morning they were each sentenced to jail for sixty days.

The report of the chief of police shows a total of 209 arrests in Petersburg during the month of September, seventy-three of which were for drunkenness.

## NORRIS IS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Raleigh, N. C., October 3.—Murder in the second degree, with a recommendation for mercy, was the verdict of the jury in the noted case of L. J. Norris, on trial for the murder of J. B. Bissett out in the woods east of Raleigh on the night of August 12. The jury had been out since Monday afternoon, 5 o'clock. The ringing of the courthouse bell to-night quickly assembled a crowd that packed the court room, in spite of the late hour. Norris manifested complete self-control during the ordeal of taking the verdict. The sentence was left open until 10-morrow morning, counsel for the prisoner declaring privately that they will appeal their case to the Supreme Court.

## DENNY TELLS WHY HE ACCEPTS OFFER

Believes There Is Great Opportunity for Educational Work in Alabama.

### LETTER TO GOVERNOR O'NEAL

Chairman of Board Formally Notified by University's New President.

Universal regret was expressed by friends of Washington and Lee University when they read yesterday in The Times-Dispatch President George H. Denny's announcement that he had accepted the presidency of the University of Alabama. The hope had been general that he would remain in Virginia.

To Governor Emmet O'Neal, of Alabama, who is chairman of the board of visitors of the university, Dr. Denny yesterday transmitted his formal acceptance as president. This letter, which follows, was written on September 30, along with the communication resigning the presidency of Washington and Lee, but both were held up until Monday in response to numerous requests for delay.

September 30, 1911.  
His Excellency, Hon. Emmet O'Neal, Governor of Alabama, Montgomery, Ala.

My Dear Governor O'Neal.—I acknowledge with appreciation your letter of September 25, giving me official notification of my unanimous election to the presidency of the University of Alabama. More than six weeks ago a committee of the trustees came to Virginia and asked me to accept the presidency of that institution. I agreed to give to this call patient consideration, provided I should be allowed sufficient time in which to reach a mature decision after the college year had fairly begun. Since there were other great interests involved, I could not undertake to hastily determine just what I ought to do. The recent unanimous action of the trustees in confirming the invitation of the nominating committee finds me prepared to give my conclusion to the trustees in allowing me this ample opportunity to search my heart, to try to find if this was indeed the task to which I should devote my life. Following the call of duty, I am now writing to accept the great opportunity and responsibility to which you have summoned me. I express to you, therefore, my decision to go to Alabama, with an honest purpose and a large desire for usefulness, uninfluenced by any sort of ambition save to render service. I shall write you later just when I shall be able to take up the work.

**Touched by Appeal.**  
It would be a task as impossible as it is unnecessary to describe to you the wrench that it costs me to leave Virginia, in whose service my life has been spent. I have been deeply touched by the appeals that have recently come to me from the trustees, alumni, members of the faculty and the student body of Washington and Lee. I have also appreciated the generous expressions of the public press and of leading citizens in every section of this Commonwealth. Yet, the fact of it all, I am hesitating to your call. I feel that in taking this great step I shall have the sympathy and the co-operation of every patriotic man who is to-day helping to fashion the higher life of Alabama. The prevailing consideration that has moved me to accept the presidency of the University of Alabama proceeds from the conviction that there is a

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great opportunity to any man serving in that position to render constructive service to the entire system of public education in a progressive Commonwealth, rapidly growing in population and in power, is not a mere question of transferring from one institution to another institution of learning. If that were the sole question I should remain at my present post of duty. To carry on the work consecrated by the benefaction of George Washington and by the service and memory of Robert E. Lee is a task amply adequate to satisfy the ambition of any man. Nor is it a question of salary. The trustees of Washington and Lee have habitually sought to deal with me in a spirit of the utmost generosity.

It is solely a question of service. The founders planned to make the University of Alabama the supreme intellectual achievement of your Commonwealth. It is the duty, as it will be the pleasure, of the people of Alabama to understand the institution and to deal with it, not as if they were doing out charity, but as if they were increasing their noblest investment. No American Commonwealth will, in the long run, grow greater than its moral and intellectual stature. If Alabama is to reap the richest harvest of her remarkable industrial prosperity, there is supreme need of a truly great center of spiritual and intellectual power, whose influence will reach out until it is felt among all classes and conditions of the people.

The integrity of the University is the integrity of the civilization that it offers to the best services in the great task of training your youth in the august serenity of ideas and ideals. It is because I have faith in the future of the University that I also feel that I am willing to leave my Virginia home and all the sacred associations of my life to share in this work. I know something of the trials and the vicissitudes that have periodically entered into the history of that ancient seat of learning, each historic danger that has marked its progress forward, and I have the utmost confidence that, please God, it will continue to mount and ride the waves.

**Aim of University.**  
The University of Alabama only asks a fair opportunity to minister to the higher life of the people of the Commonwealth. It serves no selfish purpose. It recognizes that it is not an end in itself. It recognizes that it exists, not merely for those who administer to it, but for those who are to be taught in it. It recognizes that it exists solely to serve humanity in high and helpful ways. It would seek to become a perpetual fountain to all who thirst for the lofty faith, the unquenchable hope and the superlative energy of the disciplined life. It would seek to re-establish the desire and the capacity for creative activity, to enable men more fully to realize themselves, and to guarantee to the Commonwealth that has nurtured it a leading position in the national life. It would strive to enrich every field of human endeavor and to its young men and young women to perform a definite, specific task. But above all, it would strive to furnish to every young man and young woman whose life it touches such enlargement of spirit and such capacity for a wide and catholic view that the mere performance of a task will neither help him nor crush them. It would aspire to send out into the world of action young men and young women who have learned to enlarge and to dignify whatever task they may be called upon to perform, and who will bring to the world a new and more noble life.

**FATALLY BURNED BY EXPLOSION**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lynchburg, Va., October 3.—Mrs. Ethel Panck, aged about thirty-two years, wife of A. Panck, a painter, died at her home in Summit Avenue, shortly before noon to-day from burns received at an early hour this morning in her home from a can of gasoline, which exploded in her hand.

At 5 o'clock a. e. discovered that he gasoline cook stove was without oil. She took the can and went to the basement for a supply. Carrying a lighted lamp in one hand and the gasoline can in the other she started up the stairs. As she was going up the steps, a puff of wind sent the lamp down the stairs and it ignited. Instantly, the gasoline lamp and the can exploded, and Mrs. Panck was in a moment a ball of flame. She screamed for help and Mr. Panck rushed to her rescue. It did not require much time to notify Dr. Davis, who lives but two or three squares distant.

Dr. Davis found that almost every particle of the woman's clothing had been burned from her, and that she had been literally roasted alive. Every portion of the body had been burned, excepting a place a few inches in diameter on her abdomen.

Mrs. Panck was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ziegler, who live in Campbell county, about seven miles from the city. She had been married eight years.

## FORCE CONTRARY TO NEWTON'S LAW

Chaloner Tells of Developing New Application of Animal Magnetism.

### FINDS IT USEFUL AS A GAME

Taking of Depositions in His Suit to Recover Fortune Is Resumed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Charlottesville, Va., October 3.—John Armstrong Chaloner came up from Merry Mills late this afternoon, and the taking of depositions in his suit to recover \$15,000 from Thomas T. Sherman, representing the committee in charge of his estate in New York, where Mr. Chaloner is legally insane, was resumed before Llewellyn B. Booth United States commissioner, where it was interrupted in the fall of 1908, owing to Mr. Chaloner's physical condition at that time.

The commissioner sat in a private room in the Colonial Hotel, and only about a half-dozen persons were present during the deposition. Frederick A. Ware, of New York, represented Mr. Chaloner, Joseph Choate, Jr., of the firm of Evans, Choate & Sherman, attorneys for the committee, was not present.

William O. Fife, of the firm of Moon & Fife, and Judge H. T. W. Duke were present to observe the interest of the committee.

Some years ago Mr. Chaloner went into what was described as a Napoleonic trance, in which it is claimed he had a remarkable physical resemblance to the great military genius.

This forced Mr. Chaloner, claims, health protecting, and is useful also as a game.

Some people cannot make use of it, he declares, because they are cold and phlegmatic and non-magnetic. He suggested it as innocent game in society to find out who are magnetic and who are not, for there is no social game nowadays except chess or cards.

"My experiments," he continued, "extend over ten or fifteen people. I fancy the force is akin to electricity. I do not pretend to explain it, but I do desire to remove any doubt whatever as to the practical, non-superstitious, non-spiritual nature of it. I have seen it work in my body servants, white and colored. It does not draw the color line in the slightest degree, for a negro can operate as well as a white man."

It is promised that sensational developments will take place later. Chaloner, who is a grandson of John Jacob Astor, and who was born "Chaloner," escaped from the Bloomingdale Asylum some years ago, after he had been adjudged insane, and his property turned over to a committee. Since then he has been living at a country home at Coburn, in large mansions, and has been charged with the management of his affairs. He has been working constantly to recover the New York property and has the property charge against him withdrawn. He always has blamed his family for the proceedings against him, and when his name reached between the wheels of a New York, married and lost Mrs. Waller, he sent the famous "Who's looney now?" message.

**BOY'S LIFE CRUSHED OUT.**

**Falls Under Heavy Truck Driven by His Father.**  
New York, October 3.—"Stop, you've killed your boy," was the cry which to-day informed Percy Greeley, a truck driver, that he had crushed his three-year-old son to death. Greeley rushed back, and, picking up his son's body, wept over it until a patrolman arrived and took him to the nearest police station. He was released.

Greeley was employed by a blacksmithing firm and was starting out with a load of iron, when a hoop which his son was rolling along the sidewalk dropped into the street. The boy reached between the wheels for it and was knocked down, his head being crushed by the rear wheel. The father drove on unaware of the accident until stopped by a shout from a witness of the tragedy.

## THE WEATHER

**Forecast: Virginia—Local rains Wednesday, warmer in the interior; Thursday probably fair; moderate east to south winds.**  
**North Carolina—Local rains Wednesday, slightly warmer interior; Thursday fair moderate northeast to east winds.**

**Special Local Data for Yesterday.**

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| 12 noon temperature                 | 60   |
| 3 P. M. temperature                 | 62   |
| Maximum temperature up to 5         |      |
| Minimum temperature up to 5         | 64   |
| P. M. temperature                   | 56   |
| Mean temperature                    | 60   |
| Normal temperature                  | 60   |
| Deficiency in temperature           | 0    |
| Excess in temperature since March 1 | 65   |
| Accum. excess in temperature        | 72   |
| Rainfall since twenty-four hours    | .01  |
| Deficiency in rainfall since March  | 1.79 |
| Accum. deficiency in rainfall       | 5.08 |

**Local Observations 8 P. M. Yesterday.**

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Temperature    | 62            |
| Humidity       | 82            |
| Wind—direction | East          |
| Wind—velocity  | 1             |
| Weather        | Partly cloudy |
| Barometer      | 30.0          |

**CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.**

| Place         | Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather. |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Annapolis     | 60 70 80 Clear             |
| Atlanta       | 61 71 81 Clear             |
| Baltimore     | 61 71 81 Clear             |
| Boston        | 61 71 81 Clear             |
| Buffalo       | 60 70 80 Rain              |
| Calgary       | 48 58 68 P. cloudy         |
| Charleston    | 74 84 94 Cloudy            |
| Chicago       | 78 88 98 Cloudy            |
| Dallas        | 68 78 88 Clear             |
| Duluth        | 56 66 76 P. cloudy         |
| Galveston     | 81 91 101 Clear            |
| Havana        | 80 90 100 Clear            |
| Harve         | 50 60 70 Clear             |
| Jacksonville  | 84 94 104 P. cloudy        |
| Kansas City   | 72 82 92 Clear             |
| Los Angeles   | 82 92 102 Clear            |
| Montgomery    | 86 96 106 Clear            |
| New Orleans   | 82 92 102 Clear            |
| New York      | 60 70 80 Cloudy            |
| Norfolk       | 68 78 88 Clear             |
| Oklahoma      | 58 68 78 Clear             |
| Pittsburg     | 56 66 76 Rain              |
| Raleigh       | 61 71 81 Cloudy            |
| San Antonio   | 88 98 108 Clear            |
| St. Paul      | 64 74 84 Clear             |
| San Francisco | 60 70 80 Clear             |
| Savannah      | 76 86 96 Cloudy            |
| Spokane       | 56 66 76 Cloudy            |
| Tampa         | 82 92 102 Clear            |
| Washington    | 62 72 82 Cloudy            |
| Winnipeg      | 18 28 38 Rain              |
| Wytheville    | 58 68 78 Cloudy            |

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**

October 4, 1911.

**HIGH TIDE.**  
Sun rises... 6:50  
Sun sets... 6:50  
Moon rises... 6:50  
Moon sets... 1:56

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## SECOND PRIMARY PLANS ANNOUNCED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Norfolk, Va., October 3.—The subcommittee of the Democratic State Central Committee met here to-day and formulated plans for the second primary to nominate candidates for four offices to be voted for in the general election. October 12 was fixed as the day for holding the primary, and October 9 was the time when candidates small file notice of their candidacy.

According to the rules, the ballot is to contain a pledge that the voter will support the nominees, and the candidates are required to sign a certificate that they will use all proper means to secure the success of the ticket. The Fusionists did not submit a list of judges, but agreed to send a list to Chairman Muse, to his home in Petersburg. The Straight-Fusionists will be appointed later.

The Fusionists acted to-day as if they had little interest in the new primary. At the last session none of their attorneys showed up. Members of the subcommittee left to-night for their homes.

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